

School Site Council Training

Irvine Unified School District

Session #1

Purpose and Responsibilities of the School Site Council

SLIDE 3 - PURPOSE

Basic Principle behind School Site Councils

- The California Legislature believes that the individuals who are most affected by the operation of the school should have a major role in the decisions regarding how a school functions.

Legislative Intent

- Education should be a joint effort of parents, teachers, administrators and other school staff.
The common goal is to raise the academic performance of ALL students and to dialogue about student learning, common assessments and best practices.

What is a School Site Council (SSC)?

- A school-based decision-making organization.
- A group of individuals whose central focus is supporting the best decisions for ALL students.
- A broad-based committee who listens to each other, as well as the school community.
- A resource team that promotes trust and encourages full participation in school and district activities.

A School Site Council is NOT!

- A school management committee
- A political organization
- A grievance committee
- A personnel committee
- A fundraising organization
- An extension of the PTA or Parent Club
- A social group

SLIDE 4 - RESPONSIBILITY

Overall Responsibility of the SSC

- Serves as the school community representative body for determining the focus of the school's academic instructional program and all related categorical resources.
- Analyzing and evaluating the academic achievement of all students in the school.
- Obtaining recommendations from school site advisory committees (ELAC, PTA, Staff Leadership Team) regarding the focus of the school's *Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)*.
- Developing and approving the school plan, including proposed expenditures in accordance with all state and federal laws and regulations.
- Recommending the school plan, including related budget expenditures to the local governing board.
- Providing ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the plan and budgets/expenditures.
- Revising the school plan, including expenditures, timelines, and evaluation criteria, as needed.
- Participating in all local, state, and federal reviews of the school's program for compliance and quality.
- Conducting an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the school's progress toward meeting school goals to raise student achievement for all students.
- Encouraging broad representation of parents, community members, teachers and students, if appropriate, including all socioeconomic, ethnic, and special program groups such as Special Education, English Language Learners, Gifted, and Title I represented in the school in leadership roles and in the activities of the School Site Council.
- Carrying out all other duties assigned to the council by the district governing board and by state or federal law.

The Principal...

- Is a voting member of the council
- May not veto a council decision
- May not change the approved plan
- Provides leadership to the council on federal and state regulations
- Assists the chairperson in establishing agendas for the meetings
- Provides or coordinates budget and updates the council
- Provides student achievement information to the council
- Provides council with planning information (e.g., program requirements)
- Provides council with budget information (e.g., personnel costs, allowable expenditures)
- Assumes responsibility for the implementation of the approved plan